

A Mother's Day brunch takes place 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m. Sunday at the Yukon Club. Call 377-2635.



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Vice commander bids farewell

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Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska Home of the Iceman Team

# Arctic

"To Fight and Support the Fight - Any Time, Any Place"

#### 168th ARW ORE

The 168th Air Refueling Wing will use the Giant Voice system during their two-day Operational **Readiness Exercise from** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 14-15. For more information please call Master Sgt. Teresa Renson at 377-8722.

#### **Around Eielson**

A quick look at what's going on

#### Today

▶ Base theater: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Dangerous, (PG-13)7p.m.

#### Saturday

▶ Base theater: Guess Who, (PG-13)7p.m.

May Fitness Aerobathon takes place 9-11:30 a.m. at the fitness

#### Sunday

▶ 1-5 p.m. Moms bowl up to three games free when accompanied by their child at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

▶ Base theater: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous, (PG-13) 7 p.m.

#### Monday

▶ 5 p.m. Build your own hoagie pizza at the Yukon Club.

#### Tuesday

▶ 5 p.m. Prime rib and cook your own steak night at the Yukon

#### Wednesday

▶ 5 p.m. Family style buffet at the Yukon Club.

#### **Thursday**

▶ 5 p.m. Pasta Extravaganza at the Yukon Club.

▶ Base theater: Guess Who, (PG-13)7p.m.

#### **May 13**

▶ 5 p.m. Seafood dinner special at Yukon Club.

# Cope Thunder wraps up today

by 1st Lt. Teresa Sullivan 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Cope Thunder participants took advantage of Eielson's 62,000 square miles of training airspace and met their objective, to fly, fight and win during Pacific Air Force's premier combat-airpower exercise wrapping up today.

The two-week exercise took place here and Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

"All Cope Thunder units had one collective mission objective I wanted them to accomplish: to take advan-

tage of the great Pacific Alaska Range Complex to get better at what we do for a living – fly, fight and win," said Col. Michael Boera, 353rd Air Expeditionary Wing commander. "I didn't care whether they were here as an aviator, maintainer or a member of the expeditionary combat support team, the mission was to learn while here and get better at what we do."

Cope Thunder, PACAF's largest air combat training exercise, involved approximately 1,000 Air Force and Air National Guard participants and 50 aircraft.

Missions flown during Cope

Thunder prepare pilots and support crews for combat in a realistic environment. The exercise enhanced tactical training and focused on integrating and conducting air and space superiority, precision engagement, and close air support.

"My intent was to continue to offer the opportunity for our young force to train for large force employment, where large numbers of aircraft attack a particular target, while also concentrating an effort towards destruction of enemy air defenses and time sensitive targeting,

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F-16s from Misawa AB, Japan and Luke AFB, Ariz. and F-15s from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, sit on the flightline here during Cope Thunder.

### Joint Combat Search, Rescue



An HH-60G Pavehawk helicopter from Det. 1, 210th Rescue Squadron lands in the White Mountains, while waiting for an Airborne Alert call during a training mission Cope Thunder April 28.

#### Cope Thunder exercise prepares Airmen for war

by Airman Justin Weaver 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An aircraft is shot down and the survivor is stranded in a hostile location, hoping to be rescued.

This scenario was part of a Cope Thunder joint combat search and rescue mission held in the White Mountains and the Yukon Range April 28.

A-10 pilots from the 355th Fighter Squadron, an Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft and crew from the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska and two HH-60G Pavehawk helicopters and their crews from the Det. 1, 210th Rescue Squadron, practiced real-world situations during an airborne alert training exercise here, said Maj. William Kupchin, Det. 1, 210th RQS commander.

The Pavehawk helicopters flew to the White Mountains where they remained on alert, at a safe distance

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### Army hands over Strykers to 3rd ASOS

by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

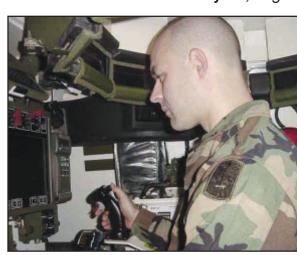
With a handshake and the roar of a mighty engine, an Eielson unit became the first in the Air Force to own the latest addition to the service's inventory - the Stryker armored vehicle.

In a ceremony Thursday at Fort Polk, La., the 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron obtained five of the Army's high-tech armored vehicles. The unit is assigned to the 354th Operations Group at Eielson, but its primary customer is the Army's 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

This first-ever joint effort between the two services will help serve the Army better by protecting the men and women who guide reconnaissance and attack aircraft during combat operations, said Lt. Col. Russell Smith, 3rd ASOS commander. As a liaison between ground forces and aerial units, the squadron can help the ground-bound Army forces "see" what's over the next hill or building.

"We are the Air Force experts at the ground commander's right hand," he said. "Without airpower expertise on the battlefield, we leave the great American soldier on the ground 'naked.' The Army has transformed into an agile and light fighting force, but in doing so, it has become far more reliant upon airpower."

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Maj. John Seuell, 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron director of operations, conducts equipment familiarization training in one of the Stryker vehicles during a March exercise at Fort Wainwright.

### 101 ways to get out, enjoy summer

#### **Services Summer Expo** takes place May 14

by Senior Airman Jasmine Reif 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Icemen can tour camping trailers, plan fishing trips or attend hunting and fishing seminars at the 2005 Services Summer Expo 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 14 at the fitness center.

Booths and activity stations will be placed inside and outside the fitness center.

"Alaskan artist, Barbara Lavalle, will show and sign her work and travel and tour vendors such as Stan Stephans, Prince William Sound tours; the Riverboat Discovery, the Alaska Salmon Bake, Eldorado Gold Mine, Ester Gold Camp, Denali River Rafters, Northern Lights Fishing Charters of Valdez will be available to help people plan trips or buy tickets," said Connie Storch, 354th Services Squadron marketing assistant. "Also, our Information, Tickets and Travel office will offer discount tickets for many tourist attractions in Alaska and in the Lower 48."

Outdoor enthusiasts may be interested in the

fishing and hunting seminars provided by award-winning author Chris Batin. All semi-

nars and activities are free. The hunting and fishing seminars by Mr. Batin are a first for Eielson. He is a best-selling author and outdoor guide with 30 years experience. He has taught thousands of people how to catch fish - salmon, halibut and more, said Mrs. Storch. The fishing seminars will be tailored to the local area, for Valdez and other areas around the state. Afternoon sessions will

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## Wear policy for new physical training uniform

by Senior Airman Jasmine Reif 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Eielson Army Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Store has been receiving daily shipments of the new Air Force physical training uniform.

The jacket, shirts, shorts and pants are available in a variety of sizes and costs \$119 for all four

Members are expected to purchase their own uniforms. Beginning October 2004, the enlisted member's annual clothing replacement allowance was increased by \$118.80 to help offset the cost of purchasing and maintaining the new uniform. This allowance is paid to enlisted members in the anniversary month of their enlistment. Officers do not receive an annual clothing allowance and, therefore, will not get any additional funding to pay for the new uniform.

The PT uniform has a specific wear policy that applies anytime individuals are required to be at official physical training, such as during organized PT, at a minimum. The mandatory wear date is to be determined. The following policies must be

followed:

• Any combination of PT uniform items may be worn together (jacket with T-shirt and shorts, Tshirt with shorts or pants). PT uniform items must not be worn with any civilian clothing.

• Air Force T-shirt (short- or long-sleeved style) must be worn tucked into shorts.

• Jacket must be at least half zipped and hood must be stored and zipped when not worn.

• Pants must be zipped at the

• Spandex shorts and leggings (navy blue or black) may be worn under PT shorts (full-length leggings may be worn during cold weather).

• White socks must be worn; ankle or calf length. Small conservative trademark logos are okay. • Shoes must be a conservative

color.

• Hats are not required when wearing the PT uniform, but if optional organizational hats are worn, commanders must standardize.

 Saluting not required when performing PT activities, but is required regardless of uniform type when not performing PT activities and when meeting individuals

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ICEMEN DEPLOYED



**Today** 

17 hrs., 37 mins.



Saturday High 67, Low 40 Partly Cloudy

17 hrs., 44 mins.

Daylight:



Rain Showers Daylight: 17 hrs., 51 mins.



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said the colonel.

Participating forces were divided into two opposing teams, red air and blue air. The teams flew air-to-air and air-to-ground combat and combat support missions using a variety of aircraft against a realistic set of threats.

"Having each of the specific Cope Thunder 05-01 units here allowed for integrated training unlike what most of the units get at their home station. Of particular importance is the ability to have face-to-face meetings during the planning, briefing and debriefing processes," said Colonel Boera. "The 355th Fighter Squadron A-10s were the lone 354th Fighter Wing unit flying in this exercise. Their expertise in close air support and combat search and rescue missions provided invaluable training for themselves

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ing seminar schedule:

Alaska trophy sportfish.

also have hourly giveaways.

concentrate on hunting techniques. He will

The following is the hunting and fish-

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Successful

Alaska Fishing and Hunting: Unlocking

the secrets to successfully fishing

Fairbanks-area lakes and rivers; tactics

for trophy halibut, bottomfish and salt-

water salmon and how and where to catch

2-5 p.m., Successful Alaska Hunting:

Successful moose and caribou hunting; successful

sheep, mountain goat and blacktail deer and spring

and fall trophy brown and black bear hunting tech-

demonstrations in the pool should bring their swim-

"Later, a cold water diving seminar will take place for

people ages 10 and up. Test the Waters will provide

The following is the Test the Waters schedule:

• 11 a.m. to noon, **Supplied Air Snorkeling**, ages 6–8

Icemen who would like to participate in free scuba

"Test the Waters will provide free scuba demon-

as well as all the other units."

Exercise participants should leave here more prepared for realworld deployments, according to Capt. Ron Strobach, project officer for Cope Thunder 05-1.

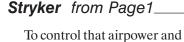
"All the prior preparation and coordination allowed us to execute as if we were really going to war," said Captain Strobach. "To bring in all the weapons systems and conduct the mission was valuable training for all participants."

When it came to training, Cope Thunder 05-01 was "all good," according to Colonel Boera.

"Looking at the aircrew's faces as they came in the door from missions is always a high for me," he said. "To see our young aviators wide-eyed from their experience in the air means we're accomplishing our mission and we're doing our job to train

tomorrow's warriors. There were so many first-time mission and package commanders getting their first taste of LFEs within a major exercise. Cope Thunder training - it's all good!"

Participants included: the 35th Fighter Wing and 13 Fighter Squadron F-16s from Misawa AB, Japan; 355 FS A-10s, 63rd Fighter Squadron F-16s from Luke AFB, Ariz.; 90th Fighter Squadron F-15Es from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; 963rd AACS E-3s of Tinker AFB, Okla.; 210th Rescue Squadron HH-60s from Kulis Air National Guard in Anchorage, 168th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135s from Eielson, 121st Air Refueling Squadron KC-135s from the Ohio National Guard and the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, Joint Terminal Attack Controllers of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



fully implement its use in combat, the 3rd ASOS provides two types of specialized teams, Colonel Smith said. Tactical Air Control Parties perform the majority of the ASOS missions. They manage the air space above the ground troops, guiding in reconnaissance and surveillance aircraft (such as unmanned aerospace vehicles) and pointing out enemy forces to pilots performing close air support missions. The TACP also communicates with higher headquarters, plans and directs theater airlift (bringing in transport aircraft) as needed.

The TACP is made up of Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTACs) a radio operator, maintainer, and drivers, normally called ROMADs. ROMADs are junior members of the TACP, while JTACs are more seasoned NCOs—specially trained to give weapons delivery clearance to close air support aircraft. On a dayto-day level these two specialties work side-by-side with Army sol-

"I provide close air support, or CAS, for the Army," said Tech Sergeant Dale Ellis, 3rd ASOS NCOIC of Operations and a JTAC. "I help them plan how best to use aircraft, such as the A-10 for those missions protecting the ground troops. Then, I control the air strike (if that's what's necessary) -I direct the employment of ordnance onto target."

"We are a force multiplier for the Soldiers," said Sergeant Ellis. "We have the strongest Army in the world, but sometimes the bad guys need to be softened up (by attacking from the air) – that's where we come into play."

The other specialized team, the Combat Weather Team, provides weather assessments to the commander.

"They don't just report the weather," said Colonel Smith. "We have to tell the ground commander how the weather will impact the ongoing battle plan. The current or anticipated weather may significantly affect what types of aerial support we can provide, and how effective that support will

Both teams constantly communicate with the Soldiers in the field.

"We are responsible for augmenting the Army (commander's ground) plan with Air Force assets and capabilities," said Colonel Smith. "These assets will always include non-lethal effects as well as lethal - today in Iraq, our Air Force mission is weighted heavily on our intelligence, surveillance and reporting capability and less so on the kinetic (weapon) effects we have come to associate with the Air Force."

As more Army units move into the Stryker vehicle, it is crucial that the 3rd ASOS and similar units are able to use the same equipment, he continued. In the past, TACPs usually traveled outside the wire in Highly Mobile Multi-wheeled Vehicles, or Humvees, with additional armoring. Currently in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Strykers don't normally travel with Humvees.

"The Stryker is faster than the traditional Humvee and much more survivable, especially in urban situations," he said. "The armor provides protection against many traditional battlefield dangers. Since January 2004, that protection has been augmented with a cage of slat armor, which offers protection against rocket-propelled grenades. The vehicle can also travel through less hospitable terrain than the Humvee, and has a higher wheel clearance."

Besides speed and survivability, another important aspect of the vehicle is connectivity, said Colonel Smith. Since each vehicle possesses a ground-based tracking system, operators can quickly get a total picture of the battle space outside the vehicle – crews can easily tell the 'good guys' from the 'bad guys.' But, without communication, even knowing where the enemy is isn't necessarily enough.

"All that connectivity is useless without the proper communication channels," Colonel Smith said. "That's what's really neat about having (these) dedicated vehicles. We have permanent mounts for our radios, antennae, tactical computer and our unmanned aerospace vehicle monitoring system. We can give the ground commander a complete picture of the area outside his Stryker – both from the air and from the ground. This connectivity lets him make critical decisions in a fraction of the time it took before the TACP Stryker."

From the standpoint of the users, the new Strykers will help the team do its job much better, said Sergeant Ellis.

"The new Strykers are definitely a lot safer than the up-armored Humvees," Sergeant Ellis said. "They are top-notch and have all the equipment that we need to do the job."

For the next month, the 3rd ASOS will train with their new Strykers with the 172nd SBCT during a full-scale training exercise, somewhat similar to the Air Force's Red Flag at the Joint Readiness Training exercise at Fort Polk.

After that month, though, the engines of the 3rd ASOS's Strykers will fall silent for a time as the vehicles make the trip to Southwest Asia. When the mighty engines roar once more, the 3rd ASOS will drive into the history books, becoming the first Air Force unit to use the Stryker armored vehicle in combat.

#### - Names to note -FTAC graduates

The following Airmen graduated Eielson's First Term Airmen Center April 27:

Amn Robert Rodriguez 354th AMXS A1C James Woodward 354th AMXS A1C Douglas Wilson

354th AMXS A1C Kevin Moore, 354th AMXS Amn Brandon Reece 354th AMXS A1C Steven Richards 354th AMXS Amn Thomas Johnston, 354th CS

A1C Oscar Perez, 354th CS Amn Christopher Smith, 354th CS A1C Amy Picard, 354th MSS AB Adam Denham, 354th MXS A1CRichard Hargrove, 354th MXS A1C Richard Holguin, 354th MXS Amn James Skarke, 354th MXS A1C Joseph Hamilton, 354th SFS A1C Bradley Plankers, 354th SVS

#### **CCAF Graduates**

The following Icemen are the 168th Air Refueling Wing graduates for the 2004-2005 academic year. The graduation ceremony will take place 3 p.m. May 13 at the Aurora Club:

SMSgt Vickie Applegate TSgt Steven Armstrong MSgt Kenneth Benoit MSgt John Carter SMSgt Alan Carvajal MSgt Kendell Gamblin MSgt Lori Hamilton

#### Eielson college graduates

The University of Alaska, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Central Texas College 2005 Northern Military Graduation Ceremony will take place 5 p.m. May 17 at North Pole High School Auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

#### University of Alaska Anchorage associate degree Karen Crosby

Amanda Long

Daniel DeWent Laura Price Drew Groth Rosario Quesada Amanda Israel Jeffery Rogers SrA Robert Jeffery Scarlet Runyon SrA John Johnson Jamie Sawyer Karina Kieper Maria Swantek Rhonda Leak Leah Toney Kathryn Logan

#### University of Alaska Southeast bachelor's degree MSgt. David Brown

Thomas Vanourney

Kendra Clarke Jennifer Mitchell

#### **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical** University, bachelor's degree SSgt. Landon Hawk Kelly Ott

Christopher Miller TSgt. Trever Perkins SSgt. Jennifer Moss CMSgt. Bryan Waldren SMSgt. Allen Mullinex SSgt. Christopher Westfall

#### **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical** University, master's degree TSgt. Steven Belt SMSgt. Kenneth Kent



Iceman Team members walk around the fitness center parking lot looking at boats and recreational vehicles during last year's Services Summer Expo.

> of Defense retirees," said Mrs. Storch. "There is no fee to use the lemon lot but space is limited."

> In addition to the lemon lot, outdoor recreation will display their tents, campers, and other recreational equipment in the road in front of the fitness center. Also, new vehicle displays with inventory from Gene's Chrysler and Salcha Boat and Marine will be in the bowling center parking lot.

Due to the utilidor construction around the fitstrations for adults and youth as well as introducness center, youth activities will take place on the tions to kayaking and canoeing," said Mrs. Storch. field between the credit union and the chapel.

"Carnival games and youth sports will be on the field between the credit union and the chapel. There will be batting cages, inflated bouncing castle, carousel and the 'Airborne Express,' along with carnival games offered by the youth flight," said Mrs. Storch. "The community center will sell popcorn and cotton candy."

The Pitch, Hit and Run competition takes place  $noon\,to\,2\,p.m.\,at\,the\,chapel\text{-}credit\,union\,field.$ 

"Pitch, Hit and Run is a free national program that gives boys and girls ages 7 to 14 the chance to showcase their baseball abilities. It is intended to encourage youth participation and emphasize the fun element of baseball," said Mrs. Storch. "There is no registration fee. Boys and girls compete together in four different age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Age is determined as of July 17, 2005."

There will also be an Armed Forces 5-kilometer walk/run, America's Kids Run and the four-legged pet run at 9 a.m. May 14 at the fitness center. Advance registration is required.

For more information call 377-3268.

#### • Seal Team and Bubblemakers Intro, ages 8-10 • Noon-2 p.m. **Kayaks and Canoes** in the pool

• 10-11 a.m. **Discover Scuba**, ages 8 and up

• 2-3 p.m. Cold Water Diving Seminar, ages 10 and up • Discover Scuba, ages 10 and up • 3-4 p.m. Introductory Scuba

At lunch time members can get a preview tasting of the food that will be served at the Yukon Club's new barbecue establishment, Yukon Jakes, opening in June. "Sysco Foods will present the 'sneak preview' tasting of select, proposed menu items including rotisserie chicken and pulled barbecue pork," said Mrs. Storch.

Icemen who have a boat, recreational vehicle, camper or other "Alaska toy" for sale, can bring it to the Expo Lemon Lot. "The one-day sale is open to all who live or work on base, as well as Department

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displaying appropriate rank. - Hair must be neat and cannot hang loose below the collar; long hair must be tied back.

- Requirement for reflective belt is at the discretion of the squadron

commander. - Body art standards apply.

- Jewelry wear will follow nor-

Iceman Team goal is 60 days without a

DWI.

Need a free ride home?

**377-RIDE** 

mal uniform wear rules, keeping safety in mind. - Wear policy for deployed loca-

tions is at the discretion of the theater commander. "The new PT uniform is a much

needed step in institutionalizing fitness in our Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. Todd Kabalan, 354th Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant. "Proper wear of this new uniform is critical. Keeping a neat, clean, and professional appearance applies at all times, especially when in any uniform ... every uniform."

For information about available sizes call 377-3385.

#### DWI CLOCK =

MAINTAINED BY THE 354TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

Days without a DWI:

Days until goal: 13

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave 22 rides last weekend and have 'saved' 4,026 lives.



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Tech. Sgt. **Trever Perkins** Specialist Section Shift Supervisor 18th AMU Bowie, Md.

"He portrayed extraordinary management skills while filling in as specialist section chief. He oversaw the coordination of training, daily maintenance operations, personnel and work center requirements for 40 people in three different specialties. His ability to multitask in a stressful environment has made him a valuable asset to the section."



**Senior Airman Curt Mitchell** Munitions Controller 354th MXS Offutt AFB, Neb.

"He attends Wayland Baptist University and is only three classes short of his degree. At work he is responsible for providing at-a-glance visibility of all munition movements on and off the flightline. He also spends many weekends at the Fairbanks Animal Shelter caring for abandoned dogs. He is a strong, enthusiastic young man who knows where he is going and how he's going to get there.'



HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame is a program for group commanders to recognize Airmen for excellent job performance.

**Senior Airman** Jason Taliaferro Aircraft Electro-Environmental System Journeyman 354th MXS Panama City, Fla. "He has distinguished himself in and out of the duty section. On a daily basis, he demonstrates technical prowess in the troubleshooting and repair of installed electrical and environmental systems, including batteries, fire extinguishing, vacuum and bleed air systems. He also received the academic achievement and distinquished graduate awards in



**Senior Airman Dustin Trevino** Installation Entry Controller 354th SFS Harlingen, Texas "He is a true ambassador for the base and the Air Force. A retired Air Force member said. 'Without fail he is courteous and respectful ... he is alert and focused on his duties. His dress and appearance and military bearing are outstanding.' He always displays a positive image to the public while ensuring his duties are carried out in a professional manner.'



**Kylee Wright** Aerospace Medical Service Journeyman 354th MDOS Clinton, Md. "She exels at meeting the needs of the patients. 'Service Before Self' is how she approaches each day. Her dedication to patients was never more evident than when

**Senior Airman** 

she recently stepped up during an emergency situation and rendered aid with the maturity of a senior technician."

#### Promotion study guides

Officials from Air Education and Training Command recently announced that the latest editions of the enlisted promotion study guides would become available to Airmen by the end of May.

Both the Promotion Fitness Examination and the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination study guides, commonly known as the PFE and USAFSE, and officially known as Volumes 1 and 2 of Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, will be online by July 1 at www.epublishing.af.mil.

The goal is to get study materials to promotion-eligible members by July 1 in the following priority:

- 1. Senior master sergeants testing for chief master sergeant in cycle 05E9.
- 2. Master sergeants testing for senior master sergeant in cycle
- 3. Staff and technical sergeants testing in cycle 06E6/7. 4. Senior airmen testing for staff sergeant in cycle 06E5.
- 5. All remaining eligible enlisted personnel.

A significant change for senior noncommissioned officers is that Volume 2 now includes the PFE. In the past, master and senior

#### AIR FORCE AIM POINTS DAILY MESSAGES

airman leadership school."

master sergeants received two study guides.

The PFE includes updated information about counseling, communication and Air Force organizations and new information about military benefits, the virtual military personnel flight and nutrition. Greater emphasis is also placed on enlisted contributions in Air Force history.

Changes to the supervisory guide include new information about contingency warfare planning and critical thinking, and chapters on staff-level communication and civilian personnel management.

"The 2005 study guides are a result of inputs from Airmen around the globe. Airmen asked for a better product and here it is, saidan Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron Professional Development Flight representative.

#### **Boys & Girls Clubs**

Air Force Services Youth Centers have partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs since 1995. The partnership has greatly benefited our Airmen's youth.

In addition to the enhanced training and programming, it's provided regional and national recognition and scholarships for youth of Air Force families.

The partnership also eases the transition between living in an on base community and living in an off base community as Air Force families PCS around the world.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America serve over four million youth, ages 6-18, each year in its 3,400 neighborhood-based facilities. They provide a wide variety of programs that address today's most pressing youth issues and teach skills needed to succeed in life.

Some of their programs include education, the environment, health, the arts, careers, alcohol, drug and pregnancy prevention, gang prevention, leadership development and athletics.

In recognition of outstanding leadership and vision in forging the unique partnership and its many benefits to thousands of youth, Mr. Arthur Myers, Director of Air Force Services, was inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Alumni Hall of Fame on April 28 at a ceremony in San Diego, Calif., held in conjunction with their national conference.

Other notable inductees include President Bill Clinton, Bill Cosby, Michael Jordan, Derek Jeter and Denzel Washington.

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### ARCTIC A

#### Access eielson

Editor's Note: Access Eielson is the central source for all base helping agencies. All activities take place at the family support center unless otherwise noted. For a list of other classes and programs call 377-2178 or surf to www.eielson.af.mil. Please RSVP for classes. For classes taking place at family advocacy call 377-4041.

#### Classes

Check-Out Your Checking Account, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday. Application Process for Alaska State Jobs, 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Parenting at a Distance, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"Who Moved My Cheese?" Change Management, 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday Estate Planning, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

How to Search and Apply for Local Jobs, 9-11 a.m. Thursday.

**Dealing with Difficult People in the Workplace,** 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday.

#### **Programs**

Deployment Briefings - Every Tuesday and Thursday, singles at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and married at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Smooth Move, 9-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday.

Polar Stroller Rollers, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at the youth center gym. **Breastfeeding Support Group,** 10-11 a.m. every Thursday at life skills support center. Pre-Separation Briefing, 2-3 p.m. every Thursday. Mandatory 90 days prior to separation.

Pet Sitters List, Identifies community members who are available to care for your pets in your home while you're away from your base housing unit.

#### Volunteer spotlight

The "Volunteer of the Quarter 2005" is Cynthia Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan volunteers her time at the Eielson Thrift Shop. She earned the "Volunteer of the Month" parking spot at the base exchange during the month of May and was also awarded a \$25 dollar gift certificate to the Yukon Club.

#### Volunteer opportunities

The Literacy Council of Alaska, Fairbanks is looking for volunteers at the bookstore; cashiers, shelf stockers, cleaners, book sorters, photocopiers, painting and

The Eielson Thrift Shop is looking for helpers with customer service, varied hours. Big Brothers, Big Sisters is in need of mentors. For just an hour per week, you can make a difference in a child's life.

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, please call Mr. Clarence Hilyard at 377-5110.



#### Personal Financial Management Classes

**Check Out Your Checking Account** 11:30 a.m.to 1 p.m.Monday

**Estate Planning** 

6-8 p.m. Wednesday

Credit Management, The Good, Bad and Ugly 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 16

Values, Goals and Your Money Personality 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 23

To register, call the family support center at 377-2178.





Push It Up takes place 4:30 p.m. at the Aurora Club. There will be free bar snacks, music and crud. Call 377-2051.

A Cinco de Mayo Kids Night Out takes place 6:30-11 p.m, at the youth center. Call 377-3194.

A Teens' Open Mic Night takes place 7-11 p.m. today and Saturday at the Teen Break, located behind Arctic Nite Lanes. A photo ID is required. Call 377-7076.



The May Fitness Aerobathon takes place 9-11:30 a.m. at Fitness Center. Free T-shirts while supplies last.

Glow bowling takes place 7-11 p.m. Saturdays at Arctic Nite Lanes. Shoes, pins and house balls glow in the dark. Call 377-1129.



Mother's Day Brunch takes place 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yukon Club. Reservations are not required. Call 377-2635.

Moms bowl up to three games free when accompanied by their child 1-5 p.m. at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-

A family skeet tournament takes place 3-5 p.m. Mother's Day. Call 37SKEET.



Family Bingo takes place 5:30 p.m. at the community center. Pay \$3 for ten games. There will be trivia questions, snacks

and prize giveaways. Call 377-2642.

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takes place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the fitness center. The expo brings area vendors to base - offering

The Services Summer Expo

tour and travel information, outdoor experiences and "how to" demonstrations in scuba and kayaking in the pool. Outdoorsman and author Chris Batin will teach hunting and fishing seminars and outdoor recreation will display their collected outdoor gear available for rental. Call 377-4880.

Karaoke for adults takes place 9 p.m. at the Deadhorse Saloon May 14. Call

The Pitch, Hit and Run for youth 7-14 years old takes place noon to 2 p.m. at the fitness center. PHR provides children across the country the opportunity to participate in a baseball skills competition. Call 377-1069.

The Yukon Club's delivery service, Debbie's Delivery is available 5-8 p.m. weeknights and 5-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

#### **Angel awards**

The Angel Awards take place 11 a.m. May 20 at the Yukon Club. The awards recognize outstanding volunteers from the past year. For more information and to order a lunch call 377-5110.

#### National Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer breakfast takes place 8 a.m. May 19 at the Yukon Club. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 377-2130.

#### **Operation Camp Purple**

Registration for Operation Camp Purple continues at the family support center. OCP camps provide summer camp experiences for more than 2,000 children whose parents are deployed. The camp takes place July 17-23 for children ages 9-15 at the Lost Lake Scout Camp. Call 377-2178 or 4211.

#### Thrift shop

The thrift store is accepting consignments. Cost is \$1 consignor agreement fee. For more information call Cynthia Sullivan at 372-2123.

#### **Extinguisher checks**

Housing occupants are responsible for ensuring their fire extinguisher is checked monthly. In the event the extinguisher appears damaged or the gauge needle isn't in the green, the extinguisher needs to be brought to the housing maintenance self-help store for replacement. The fire department also has weekly fire extinguisher classes. Classes are held 8 a.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Fridays.

To operate the fire extinguishers remember PASS: P-Pull the pin

A-Aim at the base of the fire

S-Squeeze the lever

S-Sweep back and forth

Fire extinguissher checks - Ask yourself the following questions monthly:

- Is it located in its designated place
- Is it accessible
- Are the safety seals and tamper indicators broken or
- Is it full
- Is it physical damaged, corroded, leaking or is the nozzle
- Is the pressure gauge reading or indicator in the
- operable range or position

For more information or assistance, call 377-1293.

#### Holiday light removal

All exterior holiday display lights must be removed from the exterior of quarters no later than May 13. Housing inspectors will conduct outside inspections to ensure residents have accomplished this requirement beginning May 16.

#### EOSC social

The Eielson Officers' Spouses' Club May social takes place 6:30 p.m. May 19 at the Aurora Club. Reservations are required. For more information and reservations call 372-1856.

#### RV storage removal

Icemen with items stored in the RV storage lot who have not paid storage fees have a 30-day window to remove items. Only approved RVs, boats, trailers, and recreational items are authorized in the lot. Call 377-1328.

#### COMMANDER'S CORNER

#### Commander's Hotline — 377-6100

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them.

Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you've contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem.

Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

#### Brig. Gen. Marke Gibson 354th Fighter Wing commander

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# Military Spouse Appreciation Day Thankful for your "Service"

by Gen. Paul V. Hester
Pacific Air Forces Commander

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii – Each year, we set aside a special day to honor our Spouses. A simple act to annually declare that you are important to us...blood and Air Force family together. Our actions, hopefully, tell you this message every day. Friday, May 6 is this year's

Military Spouse Appreciation Day and I ask that you join me in honoring our Pacific Air Forces' Spouses. They are essential...no, vital members of the PACAF team, and we are a stronger force for our nation because of their contributions.

Our spouses cover the breadth of involvement in our communities and provide the thread that reminds us that

our mission is in defense of our Nation and its families. They are the Chief's wife of 30 years who attends every military graduation and formal banquet to show her support of our dedicated Airmen; the Lieutenant's husband who helps pack her bags and sends her off to combat while he stays home with the kids; the Tech Sergeant's wife who volunteers 60 hours a week in the Family Support Center caring for other military families; and the literal thousands of others who provide a never-ending source of encouragement and loyalty to our Airmen and their families.

Lynda and I extend our deepest appreciation to all of you for your "Service" along with the most sincere THANK YOU from a grateful Air Force.

### 354th FW vice commander bids farewell: "You've made me proud"

by Col. Ben Bitler

354th Fighter Wing vice commander

As I wrap up my two years at Eielson and leave wing-level operations for the last time in my career, I wanted to take time to reflect on what I've seen from the Iceman Team during my relatively short tenure here. To put the bottom line up front, I became impressed, over time, with the way this team pulls together to conquer challenges in a very unique and demanding environment.

First impressions are hard to shake and frankly my initial assessment of this wing was influenced by what I saw in an Operational Readiness Exercise a month after I arrived. Knowing that we were staring at an Operational Readiness Inspection in just a few months I was anxious to see where we stood as we were preparing for the ultimate peacetime report card for a fighter wing. Well, the exercise was indicative of a wing that hadn't been routinely exercising and made it very clear that we had lots of work to do to have any hope of being successful when the Pacific Air Forces Inspector General came to scrutinize our act. Some folks had warned me about the perceived prevalence of an attitude across the wing that "Fishin' is the mission" and that it would be a struggle to get this wing ready for a major inspection in just a few short months, especially with a long cold winter just around the corner. Frankly, I was worried that we might not be ready in time, given the weather constraints we were dealing with. It was soon after that August exercise that I watched the professionals across this wing take the bull by the horns, identify their

weaknesses, develop and modify processes and procedures, and set a course for success. Needless to say, by the time the IG stepped off the plane wearing parkas and suntans from Hawaii, the Iceman Team was ready for the challenge and clearly kicked butt.

The 355th Fighter Squadron and Aircraft Maintenance Unit was facing a six month deployment to Afghanistan last March with a tasking to deploy with new equipment in the form of Litening targeting pods and needed to be ready to deliver laser-guided bombs, a first for the Hawg community. The introduction of the new sensor just two months before the squadron was scheduled to deploy created havoc for both operations and maintenance. Add to that the foul winter weather as the squadron was trying to accomplish the many requisite "squares" required for combat operations as well as the Herculean task to complete all scheduled maintenance on the A-10s normally conducted over six months in just two months and you can see that the operations and maintenance team performed minor miracles to be ready when it really counted. Not surprisingly, all the feedback from the leadership in theater was overwhelmingly positive regarding the combat performance of the 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron.

You can tell a lot about the mettle of an organization when it is faced with a devastating event. None is more devastating to a fighter unit than losing a jet along with a well-respected fighter pilot. This wing lost one of its best in February 2004, and while it was a gut wrenching experience for all of us, it was also uplifting to see the way the wing responded to the tragedy. The Iceman Team exhibited remarkable compassion for the

family of the pilot who lost his life that dark day, but faced with a nearterm combat deployment, persevered through the tough times and focused on the monumental task at hand ensuring the jets, pilots and maintainers would be more than ready to go four weeks later. This wing proved it was a class act.

After spending a couple nasty winters in Alaska I have come to appreciate the difficulty and truely unique environment in which the Iceman Team operates. We operate in those unforgiving conditions without excuse or relief from the same standards and expectations that our operational fighter wings do in the "lower 48." To say that we were able to generate the required combat power in this arctic environment is enough of an accomplishment. To be able to say that our maintainers not only generated the required sorties, but also maintained the highest mission capable rates across PACAF and the combat air forces, speaks volumes for the fortitude and professionalism of our people.

I could go on and on about the unique challenges we have faced as a team and how we typically find ourselves at the top of the heap when all the stats are counted, but I don't have room to capture all of the success stories I have witnessed over just two short years. Suffice to say, I will leave this wing with a heavy heart because of the people I have grown to admire and after witnessing a dedication to the mission that is second to none. Thank you for making me proud to wear the same patch as you, and for proving fishing is fun but not the mission here at Eielson.

## Arctic FEATURE

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from the "battle," he said.

Once the A-10s receive word that an aircraft has been shot down, they move into

"The A-10 pilots use radios to make contact with a survivor, assess injuries and gather intelligence about the crew's location as well as any nearby enemies," Major Kupchin said.

The A-10's ability to fly "low and slow" allows the pilot to loiter in the rescue area for long periods of time and vector rescue helicopters to the right spot or use the plane's armament if need be.

"The HH-60 aircrew loves the A-10 because it can get low and eliminate nearby threats." Major Kupchin said.

Major Kupchin, a 15-year veteran pilot, said the A-10s are an important part of the

"The A-10s (patrol) the route and make contact with the survivor. They will authenticate the survivors and make sure they are not the bad guys," he said. "The A-10s will find out the injuries and pass it to us so we can prepare for what exactly we'll need to take care of the survivors. Then, they clear us a path and direct us to the survivors where we go in for the pickup."

Depending on the injuries, the survivors are either hoisted up by a strap around their body or on a stretcher.

"The benefits of this training is that we're working with the same squadron that we have gone into theater with before," Major Kupchin said. "The A-10 pilots are getting a lot of upgrade training, and the Pavehawk crew are learning to perfect their techniques and work on the detail and flow of the mission. Then when we deploy again with the 355th, we will work even better together."



1, 210th Rescue Squadron's during Cope Thunder here Combat Command and the Air National Guard.

An HC-130, flying over the Pacific Alaska Range Complex, April 28. The annual exercise involves nine units and about refuels an HH-60G Pavehawk helicopter from the Det. 1,000 Airmen and 50 aircraft from Pacific Air Forces, Air







Above, Capt. John Manjan, Det. 1, 210th Rescue Squadron pilot, prepares a HH-60G Pavehawk helicopter for an airborne alert training mission in support of Cope Thunder April 28. The joint training mission involved the Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft from the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, A-10s from Eielson and two HH-60G Pavehawk helicopters, from the detachment. Upper left, a Pavehawk helicopter flies through the White Mountains to the Yukon Range in search of a survivor during the training mission. Left, Yellow smoke is set off to represent enemy fire. The A-10s, who provided close air support to the Pavehawks, moved in quickly (right) to eliminate the "enemy threat."

